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1. EMBASSY SEES LITTLE HOPE FOR PROPOSED IOGA TRADE MISSION IN HUNGARY AS MFN AND EXPORT CONTROL PROBLEMS COMBINE TO POSE MAJOR SNAG PARTICULARLY IN FIELD OF MACHINE TOOLS WHERE MAGYAR LACK OF INTEREST DUE ABOVE FACTORS ALREADY FORCED SCRATCHING A PROPOSED TSS (BUDAPEST 2039 AND 2313). CURRENT PROSPECTS FOR U.S. CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS IS EQUALLY NEGATIVE. EVEN A WELL-KNOWN ILLINOIS FIRM SUCH AS CATERPILLER ENJOYS ONLY MINIMAL SUCCESS IN HUNGARY AND WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT ENGOUGH FIRMS INTERESTED ONLY IN "COOPERATION" ARRANGEMENTS WITH MAGYARS COULD BE RECRUITED FOR TRADE MISSION.

2. EMBASSY STANDS READY TO FULLY ASSIST ANY INDIVIDUAL FIRM WHICH MIGHT VISIT BUDAPEST AFTER ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, BUT SUGGESTS THE HUNGARIAN PORTION OF PROPOSED TRADE MISSION BE SCRATCHED.
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